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AN UNCALLED-FOR "HOLD-UP."

NEITHER PARTISAN NOR PUBLIC INTEREST DEMANDS THE PAS-SAGE OF THE OMNIBUS STATEHOOD BILL.

Senator M. S. Quay's campaign for the passage of the Omnibus Statehood Bill merits no praise from the judicious. Its conduct so far has savor d neither of wisdom nor of statesmanship. Its methods have been as crude as they have

Mr. Quay's "mailed hand" has been shaken too openly in the face of the Senate. His theory seems to be that that body can be dragooned into passing a measure which no appreciable public sentiment demands by threats that unless New Mexico and Arizona find the doors of Statehood flung open to them, other and vastly more important legislation will rot and perish on the session's unfinished calendar.

Partisanship has played the commanding role in most of the struggles in Congress to admit or to exclude new States. But Mr. Quay's "hold-up" campaign to thrust Statehood on Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona has not even this poor excuse.

In opposition to the wishes and judgment of the great majority of his Republican colleagues the Pennsylvania Senator has combined with the Democratic minority to push through the Omnibus Bill at any cost. If any political advantages are to be reaped from the admission of the three Southwestern Territories they will accrue not to the Republican, but to the Democratic party. And partisan advantage aside, what conceivable public or patriotic end would be subserved by the erection of sage brush and alkali wastes like Arizona and New Mexico into sovereign States?

We can agree with the contention that Oklahoma and the Indian Territory might be fitly joined under a carefully drawn act of merger to make a single State. Together they have a population far exceeding that of most of the Territories which have successfully knocked for admission to the Union; and they have the resources to constitute a rapidly growing and powerful commonwealth. Oklahoma alone might even be allowed to enter the Federal circle.

But to try to breathe the breath of Statehood into unripe, untrained, unsettled Territories like Arizona and New Mexico is a folly against which every consideration of true public interest protests. One experiment-that of Nevada-ought to be a sufficient warning against the creation of other sterile, dwindling, desert States.

Senator Beveridge and the majority of the Senate Committee on Territories take an eminently sensible view of the situation. They are willing to allow the admission of Oklahoma at this session, if necessary, yet they rightly insist that the creation of any new State or States at this juncture is not a question of vital and paramount importance.

The applicants-one and all-can well afford to wait. But the Senate cannot afford-nor the country afford-to have the legitimate and pressing business of the session blocked and sidetracked merely to afford the senior Senator from Pennsylvania an opportunity to show his faithfulness to the interests of his far Western Territorial friends.

A Test of Sincerity.

The Senate's failure to remove the prohibition provision tacked on the immigration bill by the House of Representatives leaves the latter body in a plight so pathetic as to demand sympathy from the stoniest heart.

It is a case of being between the devil and the deep sea, so to speak. If the House is "game," it must abide by its action, now concurred in by the Senate, and let the prohibition provision go through. But right here's the rub-every day will be "dry Sunday" at the south end of the Capitol building, and the parched tongues of the representatives of the sovereign people will hang out a yard long from their cracked lips. "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop (of anything stronger) to drink!" that's the prospect now confronted by members of the House.

The worst of it is, of course, that Representatives have themselves to thank for the woes now overwhelming them. They were not content to let well enough alone. They must needs pose before the country as cherish- Dorothy and the Count de Flaciac. a regard for the national dignity which made it impossible for then to view the sale of intoxicants in the House restaurant with anything but horror-when the ruth is that they did not entertain this regard.

So they insisted on attaching this prohibition provision to one bill after another, counting on the Senate to knock it out. The final result is what might have been expected. The upper house has wearied of the hypoerisy of the lower and has permitted the provision to remain, thus threatening an early closing of the barroom feature of the House restau-

It's a safe wager, however, that prohibition will not prevail in the Capitol building. There are more ways than one of getting rid of an obnoxious feature in a bill, and the prediction is already made that this prohibition provision will mysteriously disappear from the immigration bill in some quiet and secluded conference. Should it so disappear, a lasting stigma will be put upon the sincerity of the House.

Sex Against Sex.

Perturbing as the thought may be to the seul of the average man, who cherishes by heredity a belief that he is one of the lords of creation and an object of especial regard in the eyes of women, the unhappy fact seems to be that his lordship is a good deal of a joke these days, and that the gentler sex wants him to keep a respectful distance away.

The most recent development emphasizing this ominous truth comes in the form of a news story from New York, announcing that the women of that city have begun a movement to compel street car companies to provide cars for women only. They are dreadfully frank about it, too, declaring that they seek to be released from contact with men, whom they describe as "falling over them, sitting on their laps and blowing tobacco-laden breaths in their faces." You can almost see, even in reading the news item, the disgust which men inspire in the bosoms of these women.

The peril of such a situation cannot be safely ignored. It is evident that woman has the bit in her teeth and is rurning away, not with, but from, man. She is in politics, has the right to vote here and there in various States, is indulging in club life, has invaded the business world-claims and enjoys nearly all the prerogatives which were once exclusively man's.

All this did not seem sinister so long as woman was disposed to be a good partner, friendly, likable, just a little dependent, as was the sweet woman of olden times, giving man her companionship and, it may be, her love. But now, if she is to take advantage of her strengthened position to turn her back absolutely on the once dominant sex, refusing even to associate with man, the time has come for masculine action in self-defense.

These thoughts are earnestly referred to the attention of thinkers and men of action. Weman has reached a point of formidableness from which she must be dialodged either by force or persuasion. Which shall it be? Are we still strong enough to subdue her by sheer strength? If not, can we make ourselves attractive enough in these unhappy days to woo her into her old regard for the sex? The New York incident makes it plain that a speedy decision on this point must be reached.

The Needs of the District of Columbia.

By HENRY B. F. MACFARLAND, President of the Board of Commissioners.

colt in physique, and her ignorance of

the requirements of the part was some

GONE BEFORE.

Which the winds fanned to and fro.

s the sunset's gold flashed o'er us

thing phenomenal.

A lonely dove sat cooing

As the evening sun sank low

And the breezes gently kissed her

And wafted her song to me,

Engilding the drooping tree.

o soft and sweet the mouning

he seemed to sing the requiem

Of souls whose hopes and fearings,

Whose struggling life and love

Found rest beneath that willow

And its gently cooing dove.

And soared into the west-

And standing by that willow

off toward the glowing sunset,

Where she had made her nest

In the years that I have seen, think of the bird's low mouning,

Of the toll and strife all wasted

For things the heart might crave-

HUMOROUS GLEANINGS FROM THE NEWS WORLD.

on Miss Dorothy Morton, the comic opera star, when Sinister Outlook in Historical Fiction.

querading as the former-well, that's simply the limit of this field harder at work than ever!

And the things that might have been

As it swelled on th' evening air.

on the bough of a weeping willow

THE chief needs of the District of Columbia are extra-; this session, for the need is pressing. At least \$1,000,000 will rangement to meet the cost of them. The time has propriated for beginning the work in the next fiscal year. come when certain improvements must be made, and are to be made, and they are so numerous, so costly, and of such Congress has authorized the construction of one across the State politicians have been in Washing- given the power to regulate the mining benefit to the future, that the District's half of their cost Polomac to take the place of the Long Bridge, at a cost of ought to be and must be provided in such a way as to spread \$996,000, and it has appropriated \$140,000 toward the construcought to be and must be provided in such a way as to spread \$996,000, and it has appropriated \$140,000 toward the constructhe payments over a number of years, instead of taking tion of a bridge across Rock Creek on the line of Connecticut the situation. Clifton J. Pratt, now atby the Senator from Illinois," answered to the point of confiscation, such payments could not be is proposed to build a new Aqueduct Bridge across the Poto-made out of confiscation, such payments could not be is proposed to build a new Aqueduct Bridge across the Poto-He has been here with the others who side. He is too near an 'ex' to have made out of current revenues, without so crippling the ordinary operations of the District government as to practically across the Anacostia at a cost of \$250,000. Congress has done the hard being the hard been here with the others who have been attempting to develop the intentions of Mr. Yerkes, If he could only intertions paralyze it. As Congress will not authorize a new bond issue nothing in these cases, nor has it provided for the reclamafor this purpose the only way to provide the District's one- tion of the Anacostia flats and their conversion into a park, ous from now on. half is to advance it from the National Treasury, to be re- which may cost \$1,800,000, although it has provided for the The Republicans of Kentucky certainly One of those unfathomable rumors that paid by a suitable sinking fund which the increased revenues would amply cover.

Congress has already authorized the most important of sewage-disposal system, which is to cost in all \$4,502,570.04, and for which \$2,234,473.04 has already been appropriated, so Street pumping station is completed in the near future, all He does not want to make a long and benefit only to the "tea trust" and that that \$2,168,097 will be required to complete it; the filtration plant, the authorized cost of which is \$2,768,405, and the additional water supply will be required for ten years. But, fair chance of doing this at the next kins, of the Ways and Means Committee, plant, the authorized cost of which is \$2,768,405, and the amount appropriated \$1,300,000. leaving \$1,478,405 as the meanwhile, preparation should be made for a new conduit decision in favor of running. On the "Nothing could be more ridiculous," he building, the authorized cost of which is \$1,500,000, and the priation of \$8,000 is asked at this session for preliminary may improve, the Democratic organiza- bonded warehouses was all contracted amount appropriated \$600,000, leaving a remainder of \$900,000, which may not be enough for the purpose

this session. It is practically certain that this improvement tops of the high buildings,

In the Public Eye.

The papers are full of stories of

peaker Reed. One of the quaintest and

prettiest comes from Miss Grace Boutelle, daughter of Charles A. Boutelle

one of his most intimate friends. She

says that on one occasion his daughter

and her little sisters, then children

were playing together and were abou

to have a "midget party" in honor of

their smallest dolls, when Mr. Reed and

Mr. Boutelle walked in. The three little

girls set up a shout, "Oh, goody, goody

Now you can come to the midget party!

latively at my father, six feet tall and

hen, with a glance, seemed to measur

orrespondingly broad-shouldered, and

himself mentally with one of the midget

chairs, remarking, with the utmost

gravity, 'Should you judge, Charles, that

we were adapted physically to a midget

party?' Being assured by the children that they should sit in grown-up chairs,

they entered into the spirit of the thing,

and for the next half hour three small

girls and one sister, just old enough to

have a lively appreciation of the situ-

ation, and the two Congressmen, played midget with complete absorption.

D. H. Harkins, the veteran actor who died recently in San Francisco, had

among his memories the curious one of

said that at that time she resembled a

A New Terror In Football.

having played Romeo the first time that For we, like the dove, are singing

ordinary public improvements and a financial ar- be necessary for this purpose, of which \$250,600 should be ap-

New bridges are needed in several parts of the District them out of current revenues. Unless taxation was raised Avenue extended, for which \$850,000 more will be required. It torney general, is a candidate for gov- Mr. Tillman, "but I would hardly conimprovement of the Anacostia River up to the Navy Yard would prefer Mr. Yerkes as a candidate starts no one knows where and few know Bridge.

The Water Department of the District (self-supporting party in the State. On the other hand, fect that the bill passed by the House the extraordinary projects of improvement. These are the out of the rents of the water used) is improving the facili- he is tired of carrying the party burdens. Wednesday for the relief of owners of ties for distribution, so that, when the fine new Trumbull unless there is something to be gained, itea in bonded warehouses would reap levels will be adequately supplied. It is estimated that no show of winning. Now he cannot see a profit of \$14,000,000. Representative Hopamount appropriated state, and in layer of running. On the "Nothing could be more ridiculous," he amount required for completion; the District government and reservoir, to be completed in that time, and an appropriate state, and the Republican prospects said. "Tell me, now, if the tea in the surveys for an additional conduit from Great Falls. The tion may get into trouble, and therefore for at certain specified prices before the surveys for an additional conduit from Great Fails. The commissioners have recommended that a high-pressure fire be a candidate and later on learn trust'—if there was such a thing—in-Besides these, there are other cases in which Congre. 3 protection service for the official and business section of that he has missed the real opportunity crease the price after its passage so as has not completed its legislation. This is true of the very im- Washington be provided, by special mains, to cost \$500,000, of becoming governor of his State. Con- to make a gain? The 10 per cent tax portant project for abolishing railroad grade crossings and so that the fire-hose could be directely attached to the fire establishing the union station, which will be determined at hydrants, which should have pressure enough to reach the The Fairbanks Way.

It is estimated that \$10,000,000 would cover the District's half of the future cost of these extraordinary .imIndiana in his vest pocket shows cleverness. It will swell the pride which the bond. Consequently all tea coming into cost will not exceed \$2,000,000.

The Commissioners, under authority of Congress, have purchased a site and secured plans for a District hospital, but Congress has not yet formally adopted the plans or made any appropriation for their execution. This ought to be done at in fifteen or twenty years by a sinking fund-arrangement.

Titlet's haif of the future cost of these extraordinary, the provements, together with the amount already advanced by the Hoosier State has in its six feet six statesman. It is a matter of record that Fairbanks is the tallest candidate for the Presidency Indiana ever had. Some of his admirers go so far as to say that he is the tallest candidate the country but not going into bond would escape the tax. That would not be fair. The bill is simple enough, but it is always such bills about which the wildest kind of rumors are started."

"Unconsidered Trifles."

The Present Crop.

throng, "that 'ere's to do honor to the flower of the British nobility,' is it?"

city, have they not, Mr. Hayrack?"

'a' been nipped in the bud.'

A Reason for Migration.

"they hev. First Maria she come home and had to practice on the piano from morning till night; and then Susan she To Lose Jenkins. come and brought an artistic tempera-

Statesmen and Their Ways.

The Sphinx-Like Yerkes.

has proved a great listener, but speech- remaining idle field his candidacy would be very vigor-

ever had. Be that as it may, Indiana is as proud, of his eleverness as of his The Georgia Climate. great and towering figure.

might have been a successful play-

of the House Committee on the District a promissory note was too good for his of Columbia over the resignation of the bank to honor. Later he changed his from the fellers into a football team, and then Mart he come and wanted to be a society man, and tried to tone up the old place to match. There ain't no one neighborhood that could be pleasant for all of 'cm and so ma and me thought they better go to New York and fight it. all of 'cm, and so ma and me thought they better go to New York and fight it duties connected with his new position.

A moment later the teller brought the note back from an inner office, where Judge Jenkins has been one of the most he had disappeared. "Very sorry, sir," active members of the District Com- he said, "but we can't let you have mittee. Nearly every morning he could this." be found in that committee room looking over the various matters on hand, this indorsement good? It's 'Uncle Joe' and more than once his legal advice has Cannon, chairman of the House Com-

Tillman Places Mason.

millinery bill. Poor Doroth, has been shabbily treated. If to complete a sixteen-volume history of the Schwenfelders were mining coal now according to law, would hardly want to call upon him to there is anything a comic opera prima donna loves it is a in Europe and America. Just think of it! Sixteen vol-French count well financed. If there is anything she loathes it is a process server. And to be duped by the latter massifiable as historical fiction, and all our other writers in "Oh, that's it, is it?" replied the young any way they could be compelled to do man. "I will tell 'Uncle Joe' that you

"Then I ask anyone on the Republican ceived the \$250.

side of the House," answered Senator The Kentucky Republicans are trying Tillman. There was silence for a few to force the Hon, John W. Yerkes, Com-missioner of Internal Revenue, to declare whether he will be a candidate for governor next fall. For this purpose a his feet, who told of a bill which he number of distinguished Blue Grass has prepared by which the courts are ton for several days. The Commissioner of coal and prevent the mines from long

to any other, as he is unquestionably the how, was whirled through the House arduous campaign unless there is a it would eventually give the "trust" a was put on for war revenue purposes. Senator Fairbanks' method of an- off when Congress repealed the war ouncing that he carries the State of taxes. Now, however, it is held by the

"While I have nothing but praise for Almost any other statesman would the beauty of Washington, yet I must "So," said the old corn merchant thoughtfully, as he gazed on the brilliant to come in a clumsy way. Some Hoosier I know of," remarked Representative would have declared that the State was Tate, the genial Georgian. "After one for Fairbanks. Fairbanks is much session of Congress I go home all broken cleverer than this. How much smoother up and feeling as though I had all the "Well, all I have to say is, if that lit-is it for a dear friend of the Fresident, malaria in the universe within my sys-tle snip over there's the flower, he must the Hon. L. T. Michener, to make an ef-tem. If you really want to find a fine fort to learn how the great State of climate come down to northern Geor-Feminine Vanity.

Indiana stands. He does this in a gia. Don't go to southern Georgia, howstraightforward fashion. At the proper ever. It's too hot down there. Few
time this effort is noted in the public people know how extremely fine the cli-"Yes; but most of 'em were made by comes and other people who never knew wild announcement from Michener that proverbs that have been written about prints as a result of the vigilance of mate in northern Georgia is. We raise what it was to have an evening suit wrinkle in the back." the State is not for Roosevelt at all, but feet above sea level. Down there we are for Fairbanks, first, last and all the 1,200 feet high. For business and comtime. Is not this impressive—yea, even theatrical, and above all, clever? Sardou where the cotton grows. But for good A Reason for Migration.

"All your children have gone to the ity, have they not, Mr. Hayrack?"

"Yea." said the old farmer contentedly,

"Uncle Joe's" Indorsements.

A Washington banker recently said Deep regret is expressed by members Representative Cannon's indersement on

"Why," asked the young man, "isn't important sections of the human framework, it is time for proven of great value to the committee. mittee on Appropriations, and next

The Hon, B. F. Tillman of South good. But we don't know you so well. on Miss Dorothy Morton, the comic opera star, when he presented her with a summons, received by this trusting maiden under the belief that it was a letter introducing the "Count de Flaciac" to her friendly attention. Lee himself was the bogus count, and had duly registered at the same hotel with Miss Morton, sending up his card to her and the folling her into accepting the summons as stated, the case at issue being a suit against the actress to recover a to make a six months' tour of Germany and get material "if the coal barons of Pennsylvania able action on certain legislation. We

it is a process server. And to be duped by the latter massifiable as historical fiction, and all our other writers in Senator Allison, who answered that he do not care to accept his indersement. was not especially familiar with the He was not given the opportunity. The note was at once accepted, and he re-

PAYMASTER RODNEY EXPLAINS.

Merely a Kindly Suggestion to Theater Managers.

Or, if at least, by giving the idea pub- Washington, December 11, 1902.

Sir: I asked the Board of Health if tion. I am only an onlooker, and never

R. B. RODNEY, U. S. N.

AND THIS IS FAME!

It would be thought that Tom L. Johnthe "New York Sun" indicates the con- sincerity of spirit;

A DANCE OF GRATITUDE.

Gratitude for favors received is alsen, of Ohio, and his famous "Red ways commendable, however crude may Devil" automobile have been widely be the expression. In the following Mark Twain is again pursuing the pretty baily—that is, it seemed to. So I was excused, and went down in the or at least a belief in a pitchfork, which is quite as effective. In a re-ing on mamma instead of God, and I in a friend's album some years ago, and the Union, but the following story from the "Philadelphia Record" their retinue recognizable anywhere in the Union, but the following story from the proceedings were a trifle krotesque, but they may have been prompted by

NOW FOR THE STRENUOUS LIFE.

the and express clearly.

My favorite poets—Those who see and express clearly.

My favorite painters—Those who see and see and express clearly.

My favorite painters—Those who see and see and see turned from the lighted lobby.

My favorite composers—Those who see the favorite favorite composers—Those who see the favorite favorite favorite pointers—Those who see the favorite favorite

between the Minnesota and Michigan football teams, the girl record, is a decadent and sadly demoralized creation of To the Editor of The Times:

Burnt Prairie Is Tamely Modern-

S if the game of football were not already possessed of terrors calculated to try the stoutest heart, it is now being utilized in a sentimental way that is full of appalling possibilities. Edwin R. Thomas, of Toledo, Ohio, recent acquisition, a Chamberlain, S. D., court obliging him and Miss Nettie Backus, whom he was wooing, have just in the matter. It is evident from this appeal to the law been married as the result of a wager on the recent game of the pale face that Burnt Prairie, despite his matrimonial being so confident of Minnesota's prowess that she staked modernity. Your old-time red man obtained a diverce in her heart and hand on the result. This is an ominous de- a far simpler manner-merely by shoving the objectionable they could require (not compel) a strip yet promoted to the divinity of the galvelopment, and calls for remedial action. If football is go-ing to encourage hasty and ill-considered matrimony, as well in the matter of procuring the necessaries of a primitive walk crowd at the theaters to stand on.

R. B. RODNEY, U.

"OF MAKING MANY BOOKS THERE IS NO END."

Mark Twain on Christian Science.

Mark Twain is again pursuing the pretty badly—that is, it seemed to. So

The "Westminster Cazette" cent article in the "North American will depend on God instead of mamma." N. doubt this would have answered; of them are as follows: "A little Far Western girl of mine but, to make sure, she added Mrs. says, 'I thought I would write a demonstration to you.' She had a claim, tills Statement of Being,' which is one denly. derived from getting flung over a pony's of the principal incantations, I judge. head and landed on a rock pile. She Then 'I felt my eye opening.' Why, saved herself from disaster by remem- would have opened an oyster. I think bering to say, 'God is All,' while she it is one of the touchingest things in was in the nir. I couldn't have done child history, that plous little rat down it. I shouldn't even have thought of it. I should have been too excited. State of Being."

Nothing but Christian Science could have enabled that child to do that caim and thoughtful and judicious thing in those circumstances. She came down on her head, and by all the rules she period of his life be learned the secret.

Cowboy Poet.

**Roy Farrell Greene wrote his first and express clearly. My favorite painters—Those who see horse-breaking. He says that in that poetry while on a ranch, sugaged in horse-breaking. He says that in that secret.

**Suppose the secret of the secr and thoughtful and judicious thing in those circumstances. She came down on her head, and by all the rules she should have broken it; but the intervention of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the position of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the position of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the position of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the position of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the position of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the position of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of end of the position of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of the claim of the position of the formula prevented that it is now able to give his time position of the formula prevented that, so the only claim resulting was a blackness of the claim of the position of the formula prevented that it is not only claim resulting and pleasure trip, and left for Louisville today.

Tolstoy's New Residence.

Tolstoy's New Residence.

Tolstoy is said to be about to settle and explain. The best in they had there was a wild semble to end own, and there was a wild they at urned down, and there was a wild they at urned down, and there was a wild they at urned down, and there was a wild they at urned down, and there was a wild they at urned down, and there was a wild they at urned down

they are interesting in their way. Some

The way I should like to die-Sud-My favorite occupation-Work. What would be niy greatest misfor-

tune-To be in doubt